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WEST SUBURBAN COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

DATE: Monday, December 3, 2007 - 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: UEP Building

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:07 pm. Present: Zigan; Fiet; Stoskopf; Kaltenbach; Ludeman; Stringer; Weaver; Brent. Also present: Doucette (WEA); Commons (WESP)
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes from November 5, 2007 meeting were approved as printed.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The Agenda was approved as amended, by tabling "Evaluation Process" under Old Business and adding "Bargaining Goals Committee Report" under New Business.
- IV. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
 - A. First order of business was to wish Mr. Zigan a happy birthday this week (12/8); other birthdays in January were also acknowledged (Brent, Butkus, and Ludeman).
 - B. Retirement Forum will be held on Monday, 12/10; so far, 23 WEA, 43 from WAWM registered; make sure to remind members to register in advance.
 - C. WSC RA will be held on Jan 16; either D. Craney or B. Burke from Government Relations will give a presentation on the political landscape for 2008.
 - D. Board members are requested to e-mail information about SB candidates to Weaver and Wobst ASAP after filing deadline (Jan 8th); report out to delegates on info at that time; discussion on school funding reform movement.
 - E. MWRLC - minimal response from locals to scholarship offer of WSC (2 members' registration funded in each local); deadline by Wednesday.
 - F. Source deadline 12/19; publication date of 1/7; hard copy of newsletter will be distributed until link to website can be established; WEAC support to WSC staff to make this happen will be pursued; Weaver will connect Sarbacker with Stringer to further this effort more effectively so we know how many members have "hit" on the website; will report on USEFULL workshop for professional educators and PDP license renewal on 1/22 and 2/9 PDP reviewer training.
 - G. Update on USEFULL: medical issues: 85 members attended on 11/27, positive feedback from participants. Grants for UniServes from WEAC being spent, about \$-600 left - financial consideration will come forward in the future to fund future endeavors; interest in turning those opportunities into political capital by polling those participants and utilizing that for other organizing efforts; assistance from WEAC PR to promote among members
 - H. Sat, March 15th Wellstone Labor Action Program for union leaders sponsored by UniServes in Brookfield office; *Moved by Ludeman, seconded by Zigan to fund up to \$ 1000 for WSC's portion of the costs of the Wellstone Labor Action Program from conference and/or contingency fund. Discussion: passed; one abstention.*



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- I. NEA ESP conference on March 7-9 in Baltimore; Weaver submitted names of Winn and Dumproff to WEAC Pres. Mary Bell for funding; should find out after mid-December about that funding. Request from Stoskopf (WESP) for WSC funding to attend.
- V. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** reviewed financial update (see green sheet. dated Dec 3); financially solvent to date; continue to be under-budgeted for printing due to fluctuations in costs
- VI. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Nass reported on settling two contracts on Nov. 21; discussed WA-WMEAA bargain details; discussed WESA bargain details; WESP arbitration outstanding; generally reviewed contents of written report; SE Regional Bargaining Conference on 1/12, 8:30-2:45 at Wyndham near Mitchell Airport; sending this out to PAC chairs and local presidents as well because of the presentation of Healthy Wisconsin plan by Erpenbach.
- VII. **UEPBC REPORT:** Doemland reported finances seem stable; mudjacking has been done; front walk is leveled; new hinges ordered for front door.
- VIII. **WEST SUBURBAN COUNCIL-RETIRED:** Fiet reported no activity since November; committed to doing elections through Survey Monkey so eager to learn this system; reported on Wisconsin Way in Waukesha and Board discussed on Milwaukee forum, too
- IX. **WEAC BOARD REPORT:** Ludeman reported on WEA Trust issue regarding Caremark vs. Walgreens; Leadley presentation on bias and diversity; WEAC Board to continue to work collaboratively with WASB and WASDA; failed to approve additional funding of Skillssoft training program, but will have advisory council to continue looking at options; failed to fund child care program for Winter Conference; new manager of Collective Bargaining is Dan Holub, from Iowa, who comes with extensive background in union environment; ESEA gridlock, so keep lobbying; NEA Children's Fund drive at WEAC RA; pre-Ra for Brookfield office is April 14th; WEAC RA is May 2-4 in Madison; Costello working on leadership development; Kippers on audit with easier budget booklet and more training for local treasurers; new message: "Great Schools Benefit Everyone"; DPI Deputy Superintendent discussed education funding.
- X. **OLD BUSINESS**
- A. Evaluation Process - tabled.
- XI. **NEW BUSINESS**
- A. ESP Conference - March 7, 8, 9 - Baltimore. Suggestion to meet prior to the January RA; *Motion by Fiet, seconded Zigan, to schedule business meeting of WSC BOD for 4 pm prior to the upcoming January RA to discuss budget and funding for ESP Conference requests; discussion; passed.*
- B. Bargaining Goals Committee report: Ludeman (as alternate to BGC) reported on Bierbrauer Award discussion and status of bargains statewide.
- C. Zigan questioned how many WSC members were considering running for state delegates to NEA RA.
- XII. **ADJOURNMENT:** *Motion to adjourn by Brent; seconded by Zigan.* Adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Beth Ludeman